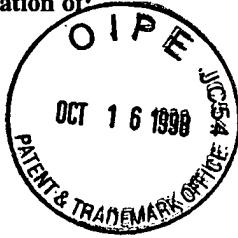


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In Re Application of:



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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

1. In regard to the above-identified application, we are submitting the attached:
1 Pg Supplemental Amendment; VA&S Transmittal Letter; Return Post Card
2. With respect to fees:
 No additional fee is required.
 Attached is check(s) in the amount for \$
 Charge additional fee to our Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

CONDITIONAL PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

3. This conditional petition is being filed along with the papers identified in Item 1 above and provides for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time. If any extension of time for the accompanying response is required, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.
4. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment associated with this communication to the Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

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Certificate Under 37 CFR 1.8: I hereby certify that this Transmittal Letter and the paper(s) as described herein, are being deposited in the U.S. Postal Service, as FIRST CLASS MAIL, addressed to, Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington D.C. 20231, on October 13, 1998.

Mary C. Granger